

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Appln. No.: 10/811,477 Filing Date: March 26, 2004Examiner: Carl R. NICOLIA et al. Art Unit: 3632Invention: **FIXTURE CARRIER**

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

 Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

 X No additional fee is required.

 X The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	No. of Claims After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest No. Previously Presented <u>Paid For</u>	<u>Extra</u>	Small Entity <u>Rate</u>	Non-Small Entity <u>Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Total	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u> </u>	x \$ 9.00	x \$ 18.00	\$ <u>0</u>
Indep.	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	x \$ 43.00	x \$ 86.00	\$ <u>0</u>

First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s	+ \$145.00	+ \$290.00	\$ <u>0</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE			\$ <u>0</u>

 A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed for submission of the Information Disclosure Statement.

 X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

 X Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

 X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

September 16, 2004By James G. Porcelli

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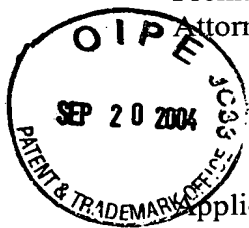
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated copy of the replacement sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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